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AGRICULTURE APPROPRIATIONS/2nd Agriculture Aid Proposal (Harkin)

SUBJECT: Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000 . . . S. 1233.
Lott motion to table the Harkin amendment No. 1506 to the Lott (for Daschle) amendment No. 1499.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 54-44

SYNOPSIS: As reported, S. 1233, the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 2000, will provide \$60.710 billion in new budget authority (of which \$13.98 billion will be discretionary budget authority, which is the amount provided in fiscal year 1999) for fiscal year 2000. Loan authorizations will total \$9.650 billion.

The Lott (for Daschle) amendment would provide \$10.8 billion in emergency agricultural assistance and would make various statutory changes to agriculture programs. (The \$10.8 billion estimate is from the amendment's sponsors; the Congressional Budget Office scored the amendment as costing more than \$11 billion). Provisions include the following: \$6.373 billion would be appropriated for supplemental loan deficiency payments (funds would be given on an "equitable" basis as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture; payments to individual farmers would be limited to \$40,000; the size of the payment for each farmer with failed crops would be determined by the Secretary based on the farmer's prior production); up to \$400.0 million of the above \$6.4 billion could be used to give aid to dairy farmers, \$45 million could be used to aid peanut farmers, and \$328.0 million could be used to aid tobacco farmers; \$2.274 billion in disaster assistance would be given, including \$200 million for a "short-term land diversion program" and funding for land that had been flooded for continuous years; \$978 million would be appropriated to buy agricultural commodities to distribute as foreign aid; \$212 million would be appropriated for the emergency conservation, watershed, environmental quality, and wetlands reserve programs; a program of mandatory price reporting for agricultural products would be started; and statutory language on meat labeling would be enacted.

The Harkin amendment would enact provisions that would have the same substantive effect as the underlying amendment.

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YEAS (54)			NAYS (44)			NOT VOTING (2)	
Republicans (52 or 98%)		Democrats (2 or 4%)	Republicans (1 or 2%)	Democrats (43 or 96%)		Republicans (2)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Feingold	Burns	Akaka	Kerrey	Domenici- ²	
Allard	Inhofe	Graham		Baucus	Kerry	Hatch- ²	
Ashcroft	Jeffords			Bayh	Kohl		
Bennett	Kyl			Biden	Landrieu		
Bond	Lott			Bingaman	Lautenberg		
Brownback	Lugar			Boxer	Leahy		
Bunning	Mack			Breaux	Levin		
Campbell	McCain			Bryan	Lieberman		
Chafee	McConnell			Byrd	Lincoln		
Cochran	Murkowski			Cleland	Mikulski		
Collins	Nickles			Conrad	Moynihan		
Coverdell	Roberts			Daschle	Murray		
Craig	Roth			Dodd	Reed		
Crapo	Santorum			Dorgan	Reid		
DeWine	Sessions			Durbin	Robb		
Enzi	Shelby			Edwards	Rockefeller		
Fitzgerald	Smith, Bob (I)			Feinstein	Sarbanes		
Frist	Smith, Gordon			Harkin	Schumer		
Gorton	Snowe			Hollings	Torricelli		
Gramm	Specter			Inouye	Wellstone		
Grams	Stevens			Johnson	Wyden		
Grassley	Thomas			Kennedy			
Gregg	Thompson						
Hagel	Thurmond						
Helms	Voinovich						
Hutchinson	Warner						

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. Senator Lott moved to table the Harkin amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

See vote No. 249 for debate.